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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I believe the proposed settlement between the U.S. government and Microsoft is inadequate, inappropriate, and unacceptable.

If particular, I take issue with the settlement's failure to stop Microsoft from using many of the anti-competitive licenses (such as the Enterprise licenses). These effectively restrict companies from using both Microsoft and competing operating systems.

I also take great issue with the fact that the settlement does not cover the monopoly over document formats that Microsoft currently enjoys. The

Word file format, and all other formats of programs where Microsoft has greater than 90% market share, should be released to the public in a timely manner. As a consumer, I have tried to choose products that best fit my requirements. However, when dealing with others during my current job search, I am required to give resumes in Word format. Because of the ever changing and highly secretive format, I am forced to abandon my chosen software on my own system, and use Microsoft Word at the local library. If the Word format was public and an open standard, the software I use could support it, and this would be remedied.

This agreement is not in the public interest, and should be discarded or reworked.

Thanks for counting my opinion,

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